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Copies
Letters Sent

[illegible] 21st January 1792 &

Dindigul

Seen

ccountant to the Board of Rev.

Fort St. Geor

Herewith I have the honor to enclose th

t Month. —

I have the honor to be

&c &c

... sed to the Accountant of the Rev. Board, 2d Jany 1

lution

y Esqr

Resident Travancore

Cumbum

Goodaloor

I beg leave to inform you that I dispatched the
Cutampollam to receive charge of the Districts of
Goodaloo from the Servants of the Rajah of Travancore
t Surprize, the Amildar is returned and reports that
to the residence of the Rajah's Manager of Cumb
e himself known the person appointed to receiv
t District for the Company, that the Head man of
Village of Cumbum thro' which his road lay, stop
rning h ... desired him to return to Cum
d a V ... e sent thither from the
t to give an answer rel

proceeding further he
ncil arrived soon a

Cumbum Manage

Vacquel declared that no Orders

jah to give up the Districts of C

any part of them, but that letters ha

by the Companys Paymaster at Travan

Rajah to the Collector of Dindigul no

to be given to the Managers of Cumbum

an answer had been received to those let

having made this Declaration went

The Vacquel I think in mentioning

have alluded to the letter which I received

enclosing a Translation of the address yo

Travancore Minister —

It will therefore be evident to you

Declaration is widely different from the of y

& of the Ministers address both of which inform me

Rajah had actually issued Orders for the deliver

Districts

I am totally at a Loss to reconcile

to have been issued by the Rajah, with the con

who are in charge of the Countries —

Be pleased to make known to the R

above stated, with such remarks as may te

the Propriety of adopting effectual Mea

the Districts in the hands of the Honble

In the Hope Speedy

Representation

=ience to Madra

ndigul

Esq

President & Members of the Boa[rd]

men

Herewith I have the honor to enclose Copy of
days date to the Commanding Officer of Dindig[ul]

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen &c &c

Cockburn Esq[r]
Commissary General of Grain & Provisions
Fort St George

I have hitherto been unable to procure from th[e]
amnad and Shivagunga Statements of the number
of Bullocks Coolies &c which they could furnish whe[n]
[ca]lled upon for transporting Rice from Palagautcherry to t[he]
le[?] the pass –

[I] have repeatedly explained to the Rajahs the particu[lars]
you require to be inserted in my Estimate, and
receive their Statements in the Course of 4 or 5
when I shall forward the Estimate you require
conveyance, which the districts under my Charg[e]

the Rajahs [wi]thhold their Statements beyond th[e]
mentioned [wi]thout further delay forwa[rd]
[re]spects Dindigul

[I h]ave the honor to be
&c &c

[torn] Corbett Esqr. &c.

Paymaster at Poligautcherry [torn]

In consequence of your Letter re[torn]

of Cash for the payment of the Troops in t[torn]

I have this Day dispatched to you by way [torn]

following Sums Porto Novo Pagt. [torn]

Mr. Torin on your Account) — [torn]

Collected from this District [torn]

C. P. P. ———

Star Pagodas ———

Pondicherry Rupees ———

Venetian Sequins ———

In the Course of a few days [torn]

ready to send to you from t[torn]

a considerable Sum of Money [torn]

As Colly fanams, the curre[torn]

of these districts, will not be ta[torn]

payment at Coimbatoor I sh[torn]

immediately procure Verayen[torn]

which, I believe, are current in [torn]

in exchange for Colly fanams [torn]

them to you without Delay.

I have the hon[torn]

Sir [torn]

Dindigul

4th Feby 1792

Jackson

Military Secretary

Fort St. Geo

I have received your Letter of the 27 ... direct
ly with Mr. Corbetts Indent for Cash, for the Payment
... Detachment, and in consequence, have dis
... to Mr. Corbett, under a strong Escort, the follo
...a Pag.s received from the
...tor of Tinevelly . . . . . . 15,000 . . .
the Dindigul Collections P. Nova Pag.s 2000
Pagodas 150
...rry Rupees 1000
Sequins (which are Current at Coimbetoor . . . . } 150

... Fanams, the current Coin of this District, do not
... Coimbetoor I shall immediately exchange a Consider
... of this Coin, in to Viraeyun Fanams which
... in Coimbetoor & transmit them without dela
the Course of Tomorrow, I expect from Madura
Pagodas and a Considerable Sum, exclusive of tha
... few days more - The whole of this shall be
... Mr. Corbett.

I have the honor to be
... Your Most. Obed. Serv.
(Sig.) Alexr. Macleod

Dindigul
4th Feby 1792

[Vincen]tio Corbett Esqr.

Paymaster &c

Coimbatore

Sir

The Bearer of this w[ill deliver]
to you one Box containing P.N.P. — 15[0]
and one box containing as follo[ws]

P.N.P.	2000
Star Pagodas	150
Ponduchery Rupees	1000
Venitian Sequins	150

[Ac]cording to my letter dispatched
[b]y Tappal this Day

I have the hon[our]
[I] am directed by
[G]overnment to Sir &c &c
[r]eceive from you a Bill
[on] the Payr. General for the Amount

Dindigul 4th Feby 1792

Vincentio Corbett Esqr.

Paymaster &c

Coimbat[ore]

Sir Herewith you w[ill re]ceive the ur[...] [mentio]ned Sums

Porto novo [...] 15

Star Pagoda[s]

Ponducherry [...]

× Veraigun Fa[nams]

For the above amount I request you

will favor me with a Bill on the Paymaster General —

I have the honor to be

Sir your most obedient Servant

Dindigul
7th Feby [illegible]

(Signed) Alexr Macleod

Collr

V[illegible] Esqr

[illegible] Coimbetoor

I am favored with your letter on the Subject of Goundin and beg leave to inform you that He is now a[illegible]

I am Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt
(Sigd) Alexr Macleod

D[illegible]
13th [illegible] 92.

Thomas Cockburn Esqr
Accountant to the Board of Revr
Fort St George

Sir

Herewith I enclose an account of the Peshcush of those Poligars who have come to a Settlement for the present Phazly Year —

From the Situation of Affairs and the continu[illegible] pre[illegible] of the Enemy in the Coimbetoor Country I found it [illegible] impracticable to bring even them to a Settlement i[illegible]tely.

As [illegible] as the first rest of the remaining three Poligars who[illegible] inserted at the end of the Account, shall be [illegible]ward a Statement of the Peshcush & [illegible]

I have the honor to be &c &c

(Sigd) Alexr Macleod

Coll

Dindigul
15th Feby 1792

Thos

Those against whose names is the following mark

× have paid their first Inst.

I have the honor to [illegible] &c.

(Sig^d) Alex^r. M[illegible] [illegible]

Dindigul
15th February 1792

Thomas Cockburn Esqr
Commissary Genl. of Grain & Provisions
Fort St. George

Sir

I have the honor to inform You that the Undermen[tioned] Weights are those in use throughout the District of Dindeg[ul]

½ Pullum Weight 12 Pagodas
1 Pullum - weight 24 Pagodas
16½ Pullum & 4 Pagodas make One Viss
Viss - - - - 1 Tolam

I have the honor to be &c &c
(Sig.d) Alexr. Macleod
Collr.

[illegible]
[illegible] 1792

To [illegible] Wynch Esqr
Collector of Carroor

Your letter to Mr Macleod dated the 9th Instt. reach[ed] Dind[egul] this Day. Mr Macleod is at Ramnad, & it is not like[ly] that he will return hither soon — to prevent delay therefore I beg leave to inform you that I have given directions to the Y[illegible]acotah Poligar to make an immediate restoration of a[ll] & [ev]ery thing that he may have taken from any Villag[e] in the Districts under your Management & also that he will inst[antly] [illegible] Chinnatomby Gounder at the same time I [have] war[ned] him that in the Event of further Complaints being m[ade] [othe]r Steps then exhortation would be taken to br[ing him] to a proper sense of his duty —

In sim[ilar] terms to the above I have written to Valaeda[illegible] Poligar of Pyney —

[I have] the honor to be &c &c &c

Dindegul
28. February 1792

(Sig.d) I Wranghan
[illegible]

To Mr Macleod Esqr
Collector &c
Madura

Sir

Some days Ago I acknowledged the re[illegible] of yours of the 24th Ultimo inclosing a Letter from the Resident of Travancore, & a Ca[illegible] order from the Rajah of that Country to his Manager at Cumbam, said t[illegible] directions for the delivery of Cumbum & Goodaloor to the Co[illegible] perceive by what follows the the Extent of the Rajahs Order [illegible]

Immediately on the receipt of y[illegible] letter [illegible] a Sunned to the Outampollam Moniegar directing [illegible] with one [illegible] =mentioned Order to Cumbum, & to receive from the [illegible] moni[illegible] places in question; — he accordingly Proceeded to Carry my [illegible] Accompanied by 100 Topekhanna Peons, but was Stopped [illegible] called poodoopatty by 400 Armed Men, who were drawn up to pr[illegible] he attempted to explain to these People that he had a [illegible] Travancore Rajah to the Manager of Cumbam, but [illegible] thing he could say — after remaining near Poodoop[illegible] three days The Cumbum Moniyar Sent a Vaqueel with 2 or 300 Peons to him, & demanded his business — The Outampollam Moniegar then informed him that he had in his possession the Rajahs order for the delivery of Cumbam & Goodaloor — Note the Vaqueel said that no directions had been given for allo[illegible] the Companys People to pass into the Cumbum direct — Our Moni[illegible]ar upon this dispatched the Cadjan order to the Cumbam Moniegar by a Peon —

You will no doubt be Surprised Sir that [illegible] man upon perusing the Sunned declared that it Contained no Order for th[illegible] delivery of Cumbum & Goodaloor but simply directions for g[illegible] the Villages & a Chouthry or place that had [illegible] by the Butte Nai[illegible] last Rajahs People for Cevejery [illegible] any possession for some time Mentioned Villages have [illegible] to Justify his very past Have the Rajah of [illegible] extraordinary Conduct on [illegible] mentioned [illegible] time only can answer —

Our [illegible] gar adds that the Cumbum Manager had

had received very recent orders from the Rajah to catch a number of ...

which at once shews that he never had any intention of the delivering up the

Village [illegible]uestion

(Signed) J. Waugham

Thomas Cockburn Esqr

Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

Fort St. George

Herewith I do myself the honor to enclose

[illegible] with you for the Bullocks &c Sent to the Grand

[illegible] Account Current for those Sent to General Abercromb[ie]

[illegible] ready & will be transmitted by tomorrows Tappal

[illegible] the acct of Expences attending the Preparations for sending

[illegible] Daniercotta.

I am Sir

Your Most Obedt Servt

(Sigd) Alexr Macleod

Collr

[illegible] 92

[illegible]arington Esqr

Secy to the Board of Revenue Fort St George

Sir Herewith I beg leave to inclose a Bill on the

Com[mis]sary General of Grain and Provisions for S Pt 106" 35" 63.

being the [A]mount of Disbursements made by me on his Account

I am Sir your most obedient Servt

Dindeg[ul]

28 April [17]92.

(Signed) Alexr Macleod

Collr

Thomas C[illegible] Esqr

[illegible] [Acc]ountt. to the Board [of Rev]enue Fort St George

Sir [illegible] part of the Po[illegible] made in Teby Cast, having by mistake been

inserted in the account Current for [illegible] on account of their first Kist for the

1201 instead of being inserted as [illegible] their arrear of Peshcush for the [illegible]

1200 I corrected the mistak[e] [illegible] with the Poligars, transmitted to y[ou]

this month, I now inclose a Statement [illegible] the Collections ought to stand in the

Teby account Current.

[illegible] your most Obedient Servant

Dindigul

(Signed) Alexr Macleod

Enclosed in the foregoing Letter

[illegible]ment Shewing Amount Collected from Dindigul Poligars in Feby 1792 on account of Phuseley 1200 & Phuseley 1201

	Pag	F	C	Pag	F	C	Pag	F	C
To Collections from Poligars as ℘ accounts Current With them accompanying Colly Chs 3533..7..15 @ 17½ ℘ Star Pagodas	2019	25	5						
To Do - Do in Batta Chs 72..0..30 @ 17½ ℘ Do	41	8	52						
To Collections from Poligars as ℘ accounts Current With them Accompanying Chs 9871..0..25 @ 17½ ℘ Star Pagodas				640	[illegible]	[illegible]			
To Do Do in Batta 201..7..30 @ 17½ ℘ Do				15	[illegible]	[illegible]			
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Dindigul
28th April 1792

E. E.

(Signed) Alex[illegible] M[illegible]leod
Collr

Thos Cockburn Esqr
Commissary General of [illegible] & Provisions
Fort St George

Sir
[illegible] have the honor to enclose Account Cur[illegible] [illegible]es incurred in husking and preparing [illegible] Rice to Dammenetta
Dindigul 28th April 1792 [illegible] Sir Your most Obedt
A M

P.S. not knowing the price of the Commiss[illegible] sent to me by the Collector of Tinevelly I could not insert it in the above account
A M

W. Harington Esqr
Secy B. of Revenue

Sir

Herewith I enclose Bill on the
... Embt. of Grain & Provisions for 206.9.26 SP
... of disbursement on his account under
I am Sir
Your most Obt Servt
...
... 1792

... Esqr

C... Bowen
Commanding
Dindigul

Sir

I request to be furnished
with Guard for the purpose of escorting
Treasure to Coimbetoor
I have the honor to be
&c &c

Dindigul
2d Feby 1792

H. Vaughan Esqre
Madura & Dindigul

Sir I am ... with your letter
requiring Esti... the Expence of
Sombo
storing 35 ... of Paddy at
Dindigul — ... & inform you
that the Expence wo... be as follows

2420

14 Do. Cullm. 16 Do. Do. Madras Gauze

2420.10 at 69.2 of Madras Gauze are 35

Do. Price at 6 5/16 Fs. of Cullom is 1528.1.23

Do. Hire of Bullocks @ 58 3/4 Fs. of Cullm. is 151.3.

Exchange @ 17 1/2 Fs. of 1 P. in St. Pay. — 32.16

I am

Sir &c. &c.

Dindigul
3d May 1792

A. M.

Thomas Cockburn Esqr.
Accountant to the Board of Reven
Fort St. George

Sir

Herewith I beg leave ... enclose the corrected Accounts Current ... this District from the 1st Dec. to the ... April last. also Account particulars of the different heads of Disbursement stated in the corrected Accounts Current from the 1st May to 31st October last

I am, Sir

Your most &c.

Dindigul
1st June 1792

Thomas Cockburn Esqr.
Accountant to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir Herewith I ... honor to enclose the account particulars of Disburs... ...indegul district for November & December 791

Yours &c.
(Sig) Alexr. Macleod
C.W.

Dindegul
4th June 1792

Thomas Cockburn Esqr

Commissary Genl of Grain and Provisions

Fort St George

15

Sir

I am favored with your Letter of the 22^d Ult^o and will [illegible] as soon as possible the Estimates you require thereon.

Four hundred and Seventy five Bullocks load'd with Rice [illegible] Dindegul under an Officer & 90 Sepoys to Danaicotta, [illegible] Cappage was advised of their Departure according to [illegible]

On the 28th Ult^o I received at this place a Letter from the [illegible] not to forward the Bullocks said to hold the Convoys in [illegible] proceed on the first Summons from him.

Major Cappage has since advised me by Letter that a [illegible] of about 200 horse are in the Neighbourhood.

I did not receive Major Cappage's Letter till the 28th as above mentioned and immediately gave Directions that no more Bullocks Should be forward'd till fourth notice arrived at at Dindegul.

Mr Wrongham however opening all Letters that arrive during my absence from Dindegul read the Major's Letter there on the 26th [illegible] two days after the Despatch of the first Convoy, and of Course will have followed [illegible] Instruction Contained in it.

I do not at present imagine that I shall be able to procure including [illegible] first Convoy more then 2300 Bullocks ready broke in Chinna-Murdoo's People are Preparing Some Bullocks for Carriage exclusive of the 2300 — and [illegible] hope to prevail on the Rajah of this place to do the Same — the Rajah [illegible] caused great [illegible] in this Business of hiring Cattle in his Country but I am now in [illegible] Procuring about 850 good Carriage Bullocks in two or three [illegible]

I have [illegible] the Necessity of deviating from your Instructions in Some points — but only in Such as are warranted by absolute necessity

necessity the Exact distance between Dindigul & the Danceneottah is not yet ascertained & the Bullock men would not Agree to receive so much ℔ Trip but so much ℔ every Cathum (Seven Malabar Miles) that their bullocks go loaded —

The rated of hire, is one Colly fanam ℔ Cathum [illegible] on the Bullocks which Composed the first Convoy, for those which are now assembles at Madura (the exact number of which I will Transmit you tomorrow or the next day) & for those furnished & to be furnished by Chinna Marodo from him [illegible] expect about 6 as, exclusive of those he may break in —

— The Rate of Seed at this place is fro[m] two to [illegible] a half Shooly fanams ℔ Cathum —

I will Prepare & Transmit to y[ou] as Soon [as I] can — Copies of the Agreements I make with the People — I have g[iven] them written Obligations that their Bullocks shall not be taken fo[r any o]ther service without their Consent nor carried beyond the places Spe[cified in] the Agreements &c The Owners men a Penalty if rice is deli[vered short] or in bad Condition — & I have dispatched a Trusty person to [remain] with the Bullocks the whole time of their Service in transporting [R]ice, to give me particular Information of the names of the Owners whose drivers may not take Proper Care of the Grain, the Quantity Damaged &c &c and to See that the Drivers receive their Regular pay & report the nam[es] of those Owners who give their Drivers any Cause of Complaint —

The Good Condition of the Rice Delivered will also Depend much on the Vigilance of the Officer Commanding the Escorts who will always receive the most particular Instructions relative to this material point —

I shall have Sufficient Rice to enable me to dispatch all the Cattle I can procure loaded to Danceneottah &c I have desired Mr W. that for the Sake of Expedition he will always have at least 500 Gunny Bags ready filled — [illegible] [une]xpectedly made their appearance in the Coimbatoor Count[ry] [illegible] the necessity I fear of Admitting future Agreemen[ts] [illegible] Indemnification against

Loss

Loss by the Enemy — should this be the Case you may depend upon it the Terms shall be as reasonable as is Consistent with the Good of the important —

I can not procure Coolies for their Service in Madura Mellow or the Marawan[illegible] Dindegul will furnish about 700 on the latter point however I have written to Mr Wrongham as perhaps the prospect I had of obtaining that number may be[illegible]ed upon the late Appearance of the Horse

I have the honor to be —

Sir your most obedient Servt

[illegible]

2[illegible] 179[illegible]

[illegible] Cockburn Esqr

Commissary General of Grain and Provisions

[illegible] Sir — Fort St George

In order to save as much time as possible I Directed that al[l] Bull[oc]ks to be procured in the parts, of their District, which are situated between the fort [of] Ramnad and the Madura Country, should be assembled at Palamara a Talo[o]k of Ramanad within 25 English Miles of Madura —

But as my presence here is absolute necessary for procuring cattle from [o]ther parts of the District, I sent a Man to Palamara to make the agreements at that place with the Bullock owners, according to the form at the end of this Letter —

I have received certain Accounts that 360 Bullocks with Saddles &ca Complete have been Delivered over to the Jemidar near Palamara who is to escor[t] them immediatly to Madura —

I have now [illegible] fort 150 Bullocks with Saddles or Complete, and 200 more in [illegible]hood, the whole of which will proceed towards Madura, in the [illegible] —

Most of [illegible] [Bull]ocks Amounting altogether to 700 are the Rajahs own Carria[ge] Cattle, which I might have supplie[d]

me with many days ago but which no Exertion on my part could obtain untill this Period.

Three hundred head of Cattle have been Delivered over to Drivers to be broke in — these will be ready in about 5 days Mr Linley at Madura has been desired to make up 300 Saddles for them

Exclusive of all the Above mentioned Cattle I have hired 140 Bullocks belonging to Merchants at Shevagunga, which had been employed in carrying Grain from thence to the Sea Coast

There are now at Madura ready for Despatch 50 [illegible] obtained in that District

By the last Report from Dindegul [illegible] were at [illegible] place on the 3d Inst. as 200 Bullocks, which had Arrived from M[illegible] in charge of an Officer, who will proceed to Daraura Cotta as soon as [illegible] Bullocks shall be assembled.

I think part of the Cattle furnished by [illegible] Mardoo. may be at Dindegul in time to enable the Convoy to move [illegible] on the 8th Instant — A Small Body of the Enemys horse hav[illegible] the Coimbatoor Country. Major Cuppage Directed me to forward no Supplies till further Orders, the party of the Enemy however having been dispersed, the Major instructed me (under date 24th Ulto) to renew the Despatch of the Convoys to Daraura Cotta —

The 200 head of Cattle above mentioned are arrive[illegible] in the fort and shall be dispatched to Madura tomorrow Morning to g[illegible] with the 150 before hired at this place — enclosed are Copies of my Agreements with the Owners, I beg leave to assure you that no pains have been Spared to endeavour to make them engage under a Proper Penalty to deliver the Rice in good Condition, but these people not being Accustomed to employment in the Coy Service, as those at Madras are, Connot Conceive that any distinction will or can be made relative to the Damage of Rice by their neglect or by unavoidable Accident — Be Assured that if I [illegible] seth on such an Agreement they would with draw their Cattle [illegible] would they Agree to bargain for sonnet a Trip, The [illegible] of 17 Pct Prem is Chead for the Company than the rat[illegible] Cattle in this District — I was also under the necessity of Agreeing [illegible] Compensation Specified in the Agreement

for

for each Bullock taken By Tippo forces — for Bullocks killed by Tippo troops or killed or taken by Poligars they are not to any receive anything I was also obliged to promise the Escort back to the Dindegul District — With regard to the Care the depend of the Rice the [illegible] Reliance must be on the Vigilance of the Officer commanding the party — who can always make his Sepoys take Care that the Drivers &c do their Duty this may be easily done as the each Convoy will never exceed 500 head of Cattle, the Instructions to the Officer are Drawn out According to the encl[illegible] Memorandum, I must add that altho the horse lately in the Coimbetoor district I have [illegible] Cut up. Apprehensions created by their Irruption [illegible] [illegible]ainin[illegible] [illegible]liged me to Consent to the above compensation — regardin[illegible] the Loss of Cattle

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[illegible]ptain Bowser

Commanding Dindegul

Sir

As the Collections in this District require the Appearance of a Considerable Additional Military Force I have to request that I may be furnished with as many Troops as you can spare, and if possible under the Command of an European Officer — the Force should proceed without Delay, to a Station at Perea Colum, — where their presence for a few days only will I trust be of the most essential [illegible]vice to the Collections

I have the honor to be

[illegible]ur most obedient Servant

[illegible]gned) Alexr. Macleod

Colr.

Dindegul

5th June 1792.

To William Petrie Esqr

President &c Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort St George

Gentlemen

Herewith I have the honor to enclose Copy of letter to the Commanding Officer of Dindigul

I am

Gentlemen

Your Most Obed Servant

Dindigul 5th June 1792

(Signed) Alex Maitland Coll

Thomas Cockburn Esqr

Commissary General of Grain & Provisions

Fort St George

Sir

I beg leave to inform You that 4000 Gunnies have been ~~Arrived~~ Receiv at Madura from Mr Torin By his Letter it Appears me that the Remaining 2000 will have been Despatched about the 2d Instant from Palamcotta

I have the honor to be

Ramnad 8 March 1792

Sir your most obed Servt

William [illegible] Esqr

Postmaster General

Fort St George

Sir

I am [illegible] with your letter of the 22d [illegible] relative to the Establishment of [illegible] in this District

I would recommend that a Tappal Be established between Dindigal & Trichinopoly direct

[illegible]. Two Tappal Peons should be stationed at each of the following places which are about ten Miles from each other:- the whole distance being computed at 70 English Miles— from Dindigul to

Koolapurry
Veracuddaral
Moorpetty, called likewise Moor Cullum
Poodooraddy—
Manapar
Amakitty
Trichinopoly

The Pay of each Tappal Peon should be two [illegible] Pagodas a Month [illegible] Writer & [illegible] Peon now [illegible] Dindigul I presume could manage the Tappal I have proposed as well as the [illegible] Dindigul & Madura

I am &c &c

[illegible]

Vatlagunta
in Dindigul
29th June 1792

[illegible]

To Mahomed Ali Beg. of Daraporam

[illegible]

[illegible — four lines of handwritten Tamil script]

Translate of Letter

To Mahomed Alie Beg
After Compliments }

dated
September 21st 1792

I am extremely sorry that my absence of two days from the Cusbah of Dindigul should have prevented me from receiving your letter which was brought hither by Messengers, who went towards Madura this Morning to meet me — I have dispatched a person to recall them — when I shall understand the Contents of your Letter — Captn Oliver informs me that he has received a Letter from you stating a Complaint against certain armed People of Virapatchee for seizing & plundering the Mud fort of Hanamantagoody, in which, you say, they have left a Garrison of only thirty Men — I am extremely desirous of proving to you that I will do all in my power to punish in the Speediest mode any of the people dependants on Dindigul [illegible] Outrages com[illegible] by them in the Dominions of Tippoo Sultan, and for this purpose I request yo[illegible] will be plea[illegible] Cause those thirty men who remain in the fort of Hanamantagoody to be seized, by military [illegible] are sent prisoners to Captn Oliver at Pylney. & that Gentleman will forward them to the Cutcheree of Dindigul in order that complete & speedy justice may be done — and upon them & upon those under whose Orders they committed the Outrage you complain of [illegible] is so great an Offence against all Law justice & Humanity, & so contrary to the In[illegible] of the Co[illegible] whose constant wishes are to preserve harmony & friendship with a[illegible] — What can I say more —

Signd) Alexr Macleod
Collector

Hugh Vaughan Esqr
Paymaster
Madura

Sir

I have receivd an Order to pay to you the Balance of the Madura Cash in my hands

On the dismission of my Establishment of Public Servants at Madura, I removed the Cash Chest to this place, I therefore request you will inform me whether I shall pay the Money into the Hands of your Servants Here or [illegible]nd it to you at Madura —

Dindigul
6th Octobr 1792

[illegible]
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Signd) Alexr Macleod
Collector

Hugh Vaughan Esqr.

Paymaster

Madura

Sir,

I am favored with your Letter of Yesterday's date. The Balance shall be immediately Sent to you at Madura according to your desire —

Your Indent for the Dindigul Payments will [illegible] Complied with in the Course of this day — and I shall Comply with your future Indents relative to Dindigul — but no Orders [illegible] Received by Me for advancing Money to you on Account [illegible] ther Payments —

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servt.

Sd/ A. McCollon

Dindigul

8th Octr. 1792

H[illegible]h Vaughan Esqr.

Paymaster

Madura

Sir,

The Bearer has charge of 6,000 Star Pgs. Which he will deliver to you, on account of the Honble Company.

Your Most Obedt. Servt.

A. McCollon

Dindigul

8th Octr. 1792.

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Major Dalrymple
Commanding

Dindigul

Sir,

I request the favor of you to furnish a Guard of Sepoys, for the purpose of Escorting Treasure to ~~the Paymaster of~~ Madura —

I have the honor to be
Sir, Your M. O. St.
(Sd.) [illegible]
Collr.

Dindigul
8th Octr. 1792.

Wm. Dawe Esqr.
President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Gentlemen,

Herewith I have the honor to enclose Copy of my Letter of this day's date to the Commandg. Officer.

[illegible] have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your M. O. & L.
(Sd.) Alexr. Macleod
Collr.

Dindigul
8th Octr. 1792.

The Honorable Sir Charles Oakeley Bart
Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Honble Sir,

Major Dalrymple has Sent Me Copy of Mr. Secretary Jacksons Letter to him dated the 20th Ulto on the Subject of the Depredations lately Complained of by the Amildar of Daraporam.

Previously to the 20th Ulto the date of Major Dalrymples Letter on the above Subject, acknowledged by Mr. Jackson I had written [illegible] Mahomed Roza Chief Manager of Daraporam & the person who ma[de] first Complaint of those Outrages, informing him that the Speediest & Most effectual Measures would be taken to punish any of the Dindigul Dependants Concerned in the Acts Complained of by him, immediately after I had dispatched My Letter to the Manager of Daraporam, I wrote to the [B]oard of Revenue on account of the Managers Complaint & Stated the purport of my Letter to him on the Occasion. Subsequently to this I [informed] the Gentlemen of that Board with a Copy of the Letter, & transmitted to them at various times all the Intelligence I could procure relative to the Outrages Complained of in the idea that it would be laid before you.

Finding that Mahomed Ali Beg was impowered to Correspond independantly of the Da[rap]oram Amildar, I wrote to him requesting he would immediately Seize & deliv[er to] Captn Oliver the few Men who retained possession of Haramanta Cotta. [illegible] to the above effect because as Mahomed Beg had not Seized them altho he himself Stated them

to be only Thirty, I imagined he refrained from doing so under a Mistaken idea of his having No Authority to Seize the Subjects of another State even tho' they were found Committing acts of Hostility within his Jurisdiction and because I thought my Letter would evince a Strong desire on our part to take the Most effectual Steps for punishing the Offenders.— Mahomed Bey replied that he would have seized the Men had not the Number of those in the first been increased to 300,— a part too Strong for the force he could Command— I addressed another Letter to Mahomed Bey also relative to a Subject of Tippoos Sent hither by Captn. Oliver under a Guard, Stating that the Seizure was owing to Misrepresentation Made t[o the] Officer & that the Man would be instantly Sent to the Frontiers near the Maambary pass, Whither I requested he would Send People to receive him— that Nevertheless the Man, was as I had reason to believe, the Original Insti-[g]ation of the Depredations Complained of.—

It appeared to Me from Various Accounts, all Which I have transmitted to the Revenue Board, that this Man was the Original Cause of the Outrages by bringing in the Verapolcher Men to plunder, & I noticed this to Mahomed Bey because had there not been Strong Grounds for believing [illegible] Man Guilty, he ought to have been Set at liberty the Moment [illegible]t Dindigul— Another reason for [illegible]ch not to release him was, that Such a Release would have been

Construed

Construed by Mahomed Beg into a direct proof that the former professions [of] using every Exertion to procure the Punishment of the Offenders, were made without Sincerity.—

The Letters abovementioned and one I sent the following day with the Guard in Charge of the Man, were all I wrote to Mahomed Ali Beg.—

I should not, Honble Sir, have dwelt so long on the Subject of writing the above Letters to Tippoo's Servants had not your Directions to Major Dalrymple to write to them made Me apprehensive that my Correspondence with them may be deemed irregular — [illegible] so, I hope that my Motives for entering into it, which Was no[illegible] than an earnest desire of doing what I thought for the good of the Service, may be admitted as my Excuse.—

Enclosed I have the honor to send Copy of My Letter to Major Dalrymple in reply to his mentioned in the first part of this address. As it alludes to the project I had of Seizing the Virapatchee Pradani, I think it necessary that I should explain to you Honble Sir, the grounds on which I adopted such a Resolution.— From the Evidence against the Pradani, transmitted by Me to the Revenue Board I entertained not a doubt of his guilt,— I knew that having the entire Rule of the Virapatchee Pollam, [illegible]ceeding Ought to be Considered as his Act — for the Poligar [illegible] resided there 6 Years of Strict Confinement in a Pollam dependant on Trichinopoly without taking the least

Sha[illegible]

Share in the Government of his Own Country — I was convinced that without the Pradani at their head the Inhabitants of Virapatchee would make no Resistance against Troops which you Might Resolve to Send for the purpose reducing the Pollam and that if he Remained at liberty Resistance must be expected and that too rendered More formidable by the junction which if at liberty he might effect, of Smartal Comidans Force with his own. — I knew that any Summons to the Virapatchee Poligar, or to Send his Pradani hither on account of the late Depredations would under the existing Circumstances, be disobeyed, and that Attempts to Seize either of their Persons by Troops in the [illegible] would be vain & attended with much bloodshed. — I expected that the Pradani would Come to the Cutcherry, bringing with him 15 or 20 Armed Peons. — In order therefore to carry the project of Securing him into effect with little difficulty Major Dalrymple at my Request Augmented the Sepoy Guard within the Cutcherry. —

I must however Observe that my View in the above, was to detain him for Trial only not to imprison him as a guilty person — & to transmit to you every particular of the Accusations against him together with his Answers thereto.

As it is an Object of the Utmost importance in

this

affair, to Separate the Interests of Virapatchee & Tombah Goundum I sent a Cowle to the latter, upon finding that he had signified a wish to Come to me. Should he come hither, of which I scarcely entertain a Doubt, I shall do my utmost to effect the above desireable point — He wishes I understand, to be allowed to Settle in the Company's Territories — He desires much from Government on account of the readiness with which he joined their Arms against Tippoo during the late War.

He is not accused by the Daraporam Amildar of being Concerned in the late Depredations & indeed, the Inhabitants themselves of the plun[illegible] Villages, on being questioned relative to him, declare he had any Sort of Concern in the Outrages they had Suffered. —

Tombah Goundum is not a Poligar but the Inhabitant of a Village — his property is Said to Amount to 50000 & he has with him, in general, from 400 to 500 Peons — He bears a [illegible] Animosity to Tippoo who caused his brother to be put to death & on that account it may be expected that if he Should obtain an Establishment among Company's dependants on the borders of Tippoo's Country he would be guilty of frequent incursions into it, which must give rise to unpleasant discussions with the Sultan. His Object, I understand, at present is to obtain Lands for a Settlement where his property may be Secure hi[illegible]ment in some part of the Circar of this District remote from [illegible]ntier would be a desireable o[illegible] on any Account It would be attended with an increase of Revenue to the Com[illegible]

would prevent the Depredations he might otherwise commit in Tippoo's Country, & induce him to depend upon the Company and not upon their Poligars for the Chief Security of his Property. — On the one or the other of these he must depend having no Chance of Protection in Tippoo's Dominions. And if he should lodge Property in the Hands of a Poligar he will prove a very powerful Ally to that Poligar & eventually a most troublesome Man to the Company. — But whatever may be your Determination on the above point, it is absolutely necessary, I conceive, at present for Me, to Converse with him at this place and to use My utmost endeavours for Separating his Interest from that of the Verapatchee Poligar.

I have the honor to be

Honble Sir

Your Most Obed^t Servt

(Sign'd) Alex^r Macleod Coll^r

Dindigul
6th October 1792.

William Petrie Esqr
President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Fort St George

Gentlemen,

[illegible] replying to such of the Observations of your Board of Audit on the 1[illegible] June last as relate to the Reduction of the Charges to 8 p Cent on the Collections, till I could be enabled to Speak to

that

that point from my Own personal Observations made in every part of the District — Having Completed this Object by such Occasional excursions as I had an Opportunity of making, &c I am more fully Convinced than ever of the Necessity for keeping up the Usual Number of Servants — from my Inquiries & Observations in the Villages, however, I am of Opinion that a Saving might be effected by a Change in the Mode of recompensing some of the Peons for their Services, but without reducing their Number —

The Pay of about 250 Peons might then be Saved by granting each a right of free Cultivation in a Small Spot of G[d] Ground which has lain uncultivated during the last ten Years. —

This Mode it is true May be liable to One Objection — which is that altho' I have now reason to suppose the plan eligible, yet the Complete execution of it Might be impeded by the Prevalance of that aversion to Which the Natives feel to any Arrangement Which deviate from the Old Custom of the District. —

The Experiment, however, if deemed eligible Should not be made till a Number of Sepoys Sufficient for Revenue duty can be Spared from the Garrison — great inconvenience is suffered at present from the Want of Sepoys — Two Hundred at least are required and there are now both in Circar lands & Pollams only forty eight Which is all the Commanding Officer can Spare at present —

It would be advisable to wait in the Manner above proposed as an Arrangement of this Sort must naturally be expected to cause

cause some Interruptions, at first, in the peon's Attendance —

Several people have lately Applied to Me on the Subject of renting out the Lands of the District for the present Phazely Year.

As the produce of the Country has been ascertained during two Years of Amanee and as Natives in the Management of their own farms can always find Means to procure Labour & Service at the lowest possible rate, some increase of Nett Revenue might be reasonably expected from letting out the Circar Lands of this District for the present Phauly Year — If your Board should think proper to Authorize Me to advertize for Proposals to that effect, I would recommend that the Country should be let to Separate Farmers, each of the four Talooks Composing the District to Constitute one Farm. —

I have the honor tobe

Gentlemen

Your Most Obed Servant

Sig'd Alex'r. Macleod

Coll'r

Dindigul
10th October 1792

Lionel Place Esq'r.
Accountant to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

Herewith I beg leave to enclose According to

W. P. Esq

President and Members of the

Bd of R[illegible] Fort St George

Gentlemen

Herewith I ~~have~~

beg leave to enclose copy of

a letter from me to the Comm[illegible]

Officer at Dindigul for [illegible]

I have the honor

&c &c

Dindigul

13 August 1792

Letter B. A

Recd.

with Copy

of Do. to

Messrs Dalrymple

13th Aug 92

in your Letter of the 2d Inst. Jumma & Kistbundis of the Poligar Peshcush in Dindigul for Phasly 1200 & 1201.—

The Settlement of Poligar Peshcush for the present Phasly Year is not yet made — the Poligars agreeably to the Custom of this Country will never Settle their Annual Peshcush till the Annual Estimate of the Dry Grain lands in the Circar Talooks has been made, and the latter never takes place till About the Middle of October — but as there could be little doubt of the Poligars agreeing to fix the Amount of their Peshcush as it stood last year, and as the Kistbundee was wanted to accompany an Estimate only, I assumed in the Kistbundee sent you, the Same amount as had been fixed for the preceeding Year.

So soon as this Years Peshcush shall have been Settled I will transmit you the Jummabundee & Kistbundee of it, drawn out in the form prescribed by you.—

With respect to Poligar Balances which might have been due when Dindigul fell into the hands of the Company as no Accounts relative to the payments of the Peshcush were found — no Balances if any existing could be ascertained exclusive of which, long before the Conquest of Dindigul Tippoo had driven allmost all the Poligars away from their Pollams.—

In reply to the last Paragraph of your Letter, I beg leave to inform you, that, no part of the Dindigul District is rented out.

I am Sir &c.
(Signed) Alexr. Macleod

Dindigul
[illegible]

M. Vaughan Esq.
Pay[illegible] Madura

Sir
In reply to your favor of the 12th Inst.
[illegible] have to observe that the 11 Bags of Treasure
received by you from me (amounting to Pags. [illegible])
are only part of the Balance directed to be
paid to you — I forwarded that sum as
soon as it was shroffed, concluding you would
have immediate Occasion for it on acct. of
the October Estimate which you had sent me
sometime ago.

I have received Notice from
my people who went with that Money,
that the Servants at your Office had, by your
Order, refused to take a large part of the
sum sent, because it consisted of what is
commonly called Mr Irwin's first Sort of
Fanams, & the remaining portion of the
Balance here being chiefly composed of the
same Coin, — I deferred sending any more
till [illegible] & exchanged a part for Pagodas
which have been dispatched to you this Day.

I am, Sir &c

Dindigul
14th Octr 1792

Major [illegible]
Commandant Dindigul

Sir
I request the favor of you
to furnish me with a Guard of Sepoys for
the purpose of escorting Treasure to Madura.
I have the honor to be
&c &c

Dindigul
14th Octr 1792

Statement Shewing the Balances due in the District of Dindigul on the 1st of October 1792, & within what periods they have arisen.

		On Account of Peshcush for Phazley 1200	On Acct. of Peshcush for Phazley 1201	
	Ch. f. c.	St. P. F. C.	St. P. F. C.	St. P. F. C.
Muddoor Naig Poligar due from 30th April 1792	92-6-	172 Ser.q St. Pag.s	52.33.15	
Do ... Do ... Do 31st May 1792	1000..	Do	571.15.61	624.12.76
Body Naig Do — Do — Do	550..	Do	314.11.16	314.11.16
Guntup Naig Do — Do 30th April 1792	366..	Do	209.6.53	
Do — Do — Do 31st May 1792	366..	Do	209.6.54	418.13.27
Do — Do — Do — Do	110..	Do	62.31.38	62.31.38
Appajee Gounder Do — Do 31st March 1792	21.3.	Do	12.6.57	
Gopu Naig — Do — Do 30th April 1792	110..	Do	62.31.37	
Do — Do — Do 31st May 1792	110..	Do	62.31.38	137.33.52
Tayvarum — Do — Do 28th February 1792	20..	Do	11.15.59	
Do — Do — Do 31st March 1792	20..	Do	11.15.59	
Do — Do — Do 30th April 1792	20..	Do	11.15.59	
Do — Do — Do 31st May 1792	20	Do	11.15.[illegible]	45.26.7[illegible]
Paulamootoo Naig — Do 11th July 1792	1020..	Do	582.33.35	582.33.35
Deodana Petty — Do 30th April 1791	400.9.10	229.4.53		
Do Gopia Naig — Do 15th June 1792	1000..	Do	571.15.61	800.20.34
Verupatchy Naig — Do 30th April 1791	~~262.3.~~	150.3.32		
Do — Do 20th July 1792	3250..	Do	1857.6.53	2007.10.6[illegible]
			Star Pagodas	4,994.13.4[illegible]

N.B. 5000 Collums Shumboo Paddy kept in readiness to be delivered into Garrison Store as soon as the Granaries shall have been Repaired

Due on Account of Poonjy Collections in the Curbah Talook — 204.1.15 (Ch. f. c.) — 116.29.20 (St. P. f. c.)

Paddy unsold in Paraaolum Talook Collums 1152. 4. 2 (Md. Mr.) estimated at the Village price (6 f. 9 Cullms) Ch. 691.4.. (f. c.) — 395-3-68

Paddy unsold in Outampollam Talook Collums 813. 3. (Mt.) estimated at the Village Price (5 fan. 9 Cullms) Ch. 406.6.20 (f. c.) — 232.16.57

St. Pagodas 744.13.65

Statement

Shewing the Balances due on the 1st of Octr. 1792 —

enclosed in Letter to the B of Revd. dated 16 Feby 92.

P. Haliburton Esq. acting ...
the Memb... of the B... of R...

Fort St. G...

Gentlemen

Herewith I have the honor to enclose
of my
Copy of a Letter of yesterdays date to the Commanding officer of
Dindigul

Gentlemen
Your Most Obed. &
humble Servant

...ckson Esq.
Secretary to the political Department
Fort St. George

Herewith I have the honor to enclose Copy
Letter, which I have addressed to the Commanding
...icer of Dindigul, on the Subject of Tombah Goundun
I have the honor to be
...al Sir, Your Most Obed. Serv.
...1792. (Sd.) A. M... Co...

D. H... Esq.

Herewith I have the Honor to
...close Statement of Balances
...standing in the D... ... as ...
...your Letter of the 9th Inst.

Dindigul
16. Oct. 1792

[...]laughan Esq.
Paymaster
Madras
Sir,
Herewith I beg leave to send you an
Madras
account of the balance directed to be paid to you —

Portnovo Pag.	981.
Cotty Chuckrums second } Sort of same	900.
Pondicherry Rupees	60. purchased here
Venetian Sequins	70. D.o
Star Pag.	16.

I am Sir
Your Most [...]
[...] Alex[...]
Pondicherry
4th October 1792.

W. C. Jackson Esq.
Secy. to the Political Dep.
F. St. Geo[rge]
Sir,
Herewith I have the honor to enclose
Major Dalrymple's reply to my Letter of the 15th inst. a Copy of [...]
as transmitted to you yesterday.
As the Major has written to Ma[...]
Ali Beg to the effect mentioned in his reply, I agree with him
Opinion that the Explanation which I suggested would, now, [...]
improper.
I have &c.
Pondicherry
[...] Oct. 1792.

~~sent to Pays. of Madras~~
[illegible] sent to Pays. &c. [illegible]
[illegible]rn of [illegible]oney rec. back from
the Pays. of [illegible]

Sums mentioned in my Letter of Oct. -92

Sums sent		Sums recd. back
981. [illegible]	—	831 –
900 [illegible]	—	70
70 V. Sq:	—	70
60 P. [illegible]	—	60.

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